

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete second response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 5, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 20-23 and 25-37 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claims 1-19, 24 and 38 have been cancelled. Claims 20-23 and 25-37 stand rejected by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claim Objections

Claim 29 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 2, "handle and the handle and a portion of the shank" is confusing and should be --handle, and wherein the handle and a portion of the shank--.

Applicant has amended claim 29 to overcome this rejection and respectfully request removal of the objection.

Claim 31 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 2, "the tool, the tool comprising" is confusing and should be --a tool comprising--; and line 4 "a body, the body comprising a pair of apertures" should be --a body with a pair of apertures--.

Applicant has amended claim 31 to overcome this rejection and respectfully request removal of the objection.

Claim 38 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 5, "second cable" should be -- second cable tie--.

Applicant has cancelled claim 38.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 20-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 20 the word "tool" was not positively recited in the preamble, and the limitation "the two portions" was without sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claim 20 to overcome this rejection and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In claim 31 the word "tool" was not positively recited in the preamble. Applicant has amended claim 31 to overcome this rejection and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 20-23 and 25-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,425,482 to *Chiang*.

Applicant has amended claim 20 to include allowable claim 24. Therefore, Applicant believes that claims 20-23 and 25-30 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 31 to include allowable claim 38. Therefore, Applicant believes that claims 31-37 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chiang* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,295,422 to *Chow*. Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chiang* '482 in view of U.S. Patent No.: 6,688,955 to *Ruey-Zon*.

Claims 36 and 37 depend from claim 31. As stated above, Applicant believes that claim 31 is in condition for allowance and thus claims 36 and 37 are also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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